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call attention to the unusually careful analysis of the difficult subject of Assignments in Chapter VI.

Mr. Hilliard's book is evidently the result of much intelligent labor, and as a complete, methodical and well digested summary of the present law, will be of great value to the profession—especially since the recent vote of the House of Representatives appears for the present at least to have settled the question of a new and permanent national law of bankruptcy.

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COMMENTARIES ON THE LAW OF BAILMENTS, with Illustrations from the Civil and Foreign Law. By JOSEPH STORY, LL.D., one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Dane Professor of Law in Harvard University. Seventh Edition; Revised, Corrected, and Enlarged, by EDMUND H. BENNETT. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1863.

Mr. Bennett has here presented us with the *seventh* edition of what the learned author calls "the first fruits of the Professorship founded" in the oldest of the American universities, "by the bounty of the Hon. Nathan Dane, whose name and fame have thus become indissolubly identified with American jurisprudence in all its departments; and with the interests and the success of juridical learning, throughout the world, even to the end of time." It is perhaps not too much to say, that if this book had been the only result of the founder's munificence, as it was not a tithe, perhaps, it would have rendered all after generations his debtors in a large and willing obligation.

This book was originally the most perfect of Judge Story's numerous and valuable treatises upon all the departments of the law which fell under his somewhat extensive and miscellaneous department; and we feel sure the work has not lost, either in the original symmetry of its proportions, or the thoroughness of its details, through the inattention or the haste of its editors, since the decease of the author. The present edition is considerably enlarged, especially in the important chapters upon Innkeepers and Common Carriers, since the last edition, by the same editor, in 1857.

This book is now almost the only one in use embracing the same field, and it contains all that could be expected in one volume upon so broad a subject; and so well arranged, and with so perfect an analysis, in the very full table of contents and index, as to make its contents more accessible than is common in books of that extent, and embracing so great a number of topics. The new matter is worth twice the cost of the volume to any practising lawyer.

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